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Fun With Felt

A medley of ideas for
FUN WITH FELT -----
Wall Plaque
Note Pad
Hand Puppet
Covered Boxes
Plaster Mouse with
felt features

FOREWORD .....

According to legend - - many, many years ago a monk became footsore as he was pilgrimaging to a shrine. Seeing some sheep's wool caught in a thicket, he gathered it and placed the wool inside his sandals. Not only did this add to the comfort of his journey, but when he removed his sandals he was surprised to find the wool had become packed into firm pads - - which we now know as "felt".

Felt is a delightful, durable craft medium for all ages. It is colorful, inexpensive and easy to work with. It may be cut with scissors, pinking shears or an x-acto knife or razor may be used to cut straight edges.

Felt does not fray so needs no hemming. It can be glued (using a heavy white glue or rubber cement), sewn or stapled and is easily decorated with glitter, jewels or braids.

The ideas and instructions in this book should stimulate the craftsman into making many attractive items for home, gifts or bazaars - - so have FUN WITH FELT.

Pencil holder & box of fireside matches are decorated with felt figures.

Felt appliqued pictures add charm to any child's room.

A felt babushka is colorful and fun to wear.

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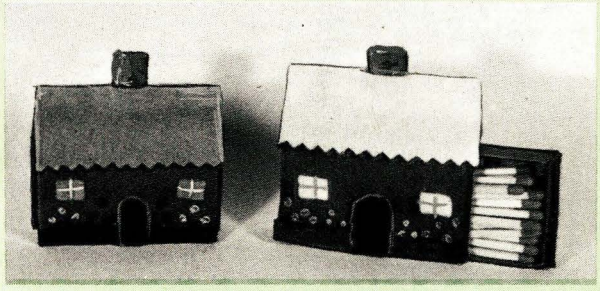
Mushroom Pin Cushion

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1 chenille stem
Foam cone - 4"
9" x 12" felt
Scraps of felt - for flowers
Tacky white glue
Gold braid - 24"
Bumble Bee
Daisy heart centers
Velvet or felt leaves

DIRECTIONS:

1. Make master cardboard patterns by tracing overlay patterns onto cardboard and cutting out. Also cut 4" diameter circle pattern for covering bottom of mushroom and 5-1/2" pattern for covering top of mushroom.
2. Cut felt pieces.
3. Use serrated knife and cut foam ball in half.
4. Cover top of ball with 5-1/2" felt circle glued into place and bottom with 4" felt circle.
5. Mushroom Stem : Cut 1/2" off top of foam cone and 1-1/2" off the bottom.
6. Attaching Stem To Mushroom : Cut 1-1/2" length of chenille stem. Dip end into glue and insert half of it into top end of mushroom stem. Make a small hole in the center of the bottom side of the covered mushroom. Dip other end of chenille stem into glue and force into hole thus forming mushroom.
7. See photo and glue gold braid around bottom edge of mushroom and around bottom of stem.
8. Make 3 felt flowers. See pattern and cut outside edge with pinking shears. Round off corners of each petal. Each flower needs two petals glued together. (These may be 1 light color and 1 dark or 1 white and 1 color.) Glue a daisy center onto each flower.
9. Glue flowers and leaves onto pin cushion and add large bumble bee.



Home-Sweet-Home Match Boxes

These colorful, clever felt-covered match boxes are so easy to make of scrap felt and fun to use for prizes, tuck-in gifts or bazaar items.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cover both ends of a small match box with felt. Glue into place.
2. Cut one felt strip to fit front, top and back of box (bottom will be left uncovered for scratching and lighting matches).
3. Before gluing above strip into place see photo. Add trim to house front, 2 windows (approx. 1/4" x 3/8") each sewn into place with a cross stitch, Fig. A. Narrow strip of green felt pinked for shrubs; door (approx. 1/4" x 5/8"), Fig. B. Flowers are colorful embroidered French Knots.
4. After trimming front of house, glue strip onto match box.
5. Cut 2 pieces for roof (approx 1" deep; pink along one edge). Cut 3/8" x 1" chimney (house color); double and glue into center of 2 roof pieces. Fig. C.
6. Glue roof to house.

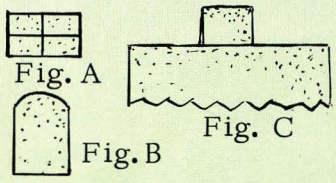


Fig. A

Fig. C

Fig. B

Bulletin Board

This gay felt bulletin board edged with bright flowers is handy and cheery to have around the house. Fun for bazaars or gifts too.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Composition board or cork - 12" x 18"
Felt - 12" x 18"
22 circles of felt - 3" dia. - all colors
White glue
Sequins and sequin pins
Gold braid for hanger - 1 yard
2 gold headed corsage pins
Large corsage pins for "pin-up" messages

DIRECTIONS:

1. Use white glue and secure large piece of felt to front of composition board or cork.

2. To hang: Tie small bow knots in ends of gold braid. Dip corsage pins in white glue and pin bows to both top corners of board.

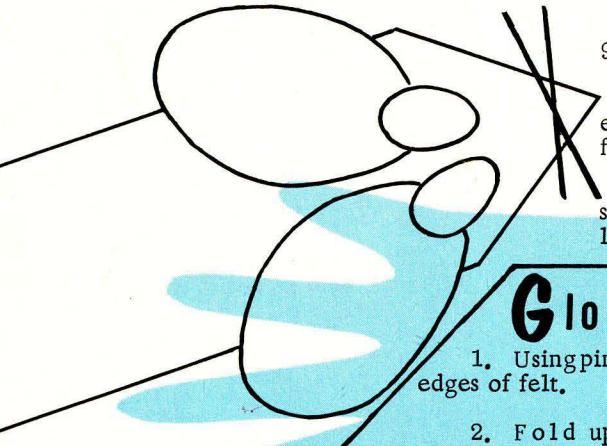
3. See overlay pattern and cut 32 flowers of felt. You may use all colors or any color scheme you desire.

4. To pin flowers onto bulletin board, put pin first through sequin, then into flower and pin onto board. Overlap flowers as you pin them into place.

Large corsage pins may be used to "pin-up" messages on bulletin board.

Mouse Bookmark

The beguiling, friendly little creature, shown on the bulletin board and at the left, is a mouse bookmark made of hot pink felt with black felt ears and wiggle eyes.



1. Cut bookmark out of desired color felt approximately 1-3/8" wide by 9-1/2" in length. Various types ribbons may also be used.

2. Follow pattern and cut two ears out of black felt. Glue to the pointed end of the bookmark. Glue moving eyes to the front of the ears. See pattern for placement.

3. To make whiskers, thread needle with coarse black thread. Take one stitch approximately 1/8" wide near the point. Cut both ends of the thread leaving double whiskers about 1-1/2" in length on both sides.

Glove Holder

MATERIALS NEEDED:
Felt - color of your choice - 13-1/2" x 14"
Orange felt or color of your choice for trim
Gold braid for trim
Gold snowflake and star sequins
White glue

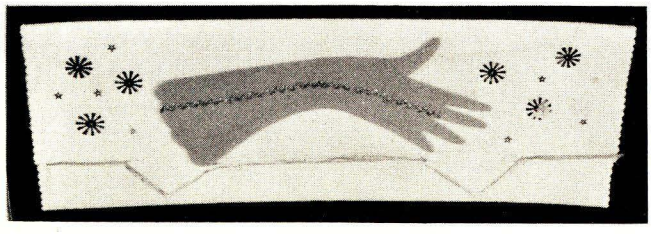
1. Using pinking shears, trim both side edges of felt.

2. Fold up bottom of felt 4-1/4" to make pocket. Stitch sides together 1/4" from edge.

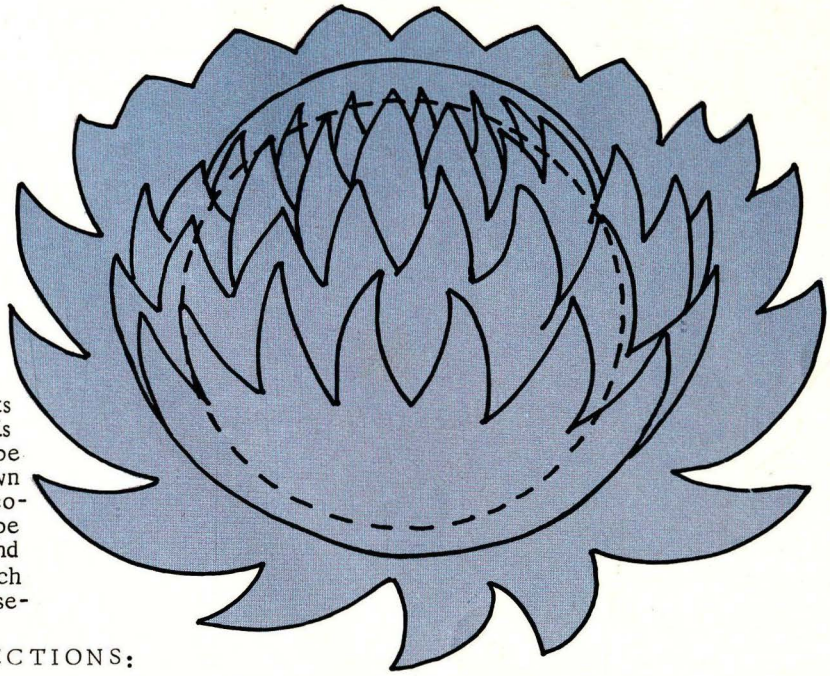
3. Fold down top 4-1/2" to form closing flap. See photo and trim 3/4" from top flap, cutting two "pull" tabs for easier opening, approximately 3" in from either side.

4. See overlay and cut miniature glove from orange felt. Glue into place on top flap. Glue gold braid into place on top of miniature glove.

5. "Scatter" and glue snowflake and star sequins in place.



Felt Decorated Table Cloth



A festive party starts with a festive cloth! This net cloth is a soft taupe color edged in toast brown ribbon. It is lavishly decorated with purple grape clusters, gay orange and yellow mums, all of which twinkle with matching sequins.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

Each grape and mum is made over a felt base. See dotted lines on pattern. Cut 2 bases for each; stuff with cotton and stitch together. Cut oblong and circle grapes, decorate with sequins, overlap, and sew onto base. Mum is made basically the same way. Felt leaves are stuffed with cotton and decorated with bugle beads.

Net cloth is edged with wide ribbon then decorated with clusters of grapes, mums and leaves which are sewn into place.

"Sassy" Sewing Basket

A unique pick-up sewing basket with thread, needles, scissors and thimble handy and ready to use.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

9" x 12" felt for flowers
4-1/2 dz. small pearl corsage pins
6 velvet leaves
4 chenille stems
4" foam ball
2" satin-covered egg
2 bunches small forget-me-nots
12" velvet ribbon - 1/4" wide
6" reed basket or compote
White tacky glue

DIRECTIONS:

1. Use serrated knife and cut 4" foam ball in half. Glue 1/2 ball to bottom of basket. See Fig. A. Allow to dry.

2. Hollow out an indention in the top of ball and glue satin-covered egg into it.

3. Separate forget-me-not stems. Dip end of stems into glue and secure flowers into foam around egg. See photo.

4. Use pinking shears and cut 16 large felt flowers and 36 small ones from overlay patterns.

5. Use corsage pin as flower center and pin a row of large flowers around ball directly under forget-me-nots. (Dip ends of pins into glue before inserting into foam.)

6. See photo and glue velvet leaves around bottom.

7. Add row of small flowers and then completely cover rest of ball with small flowers.

8. Wrap a green chenille stem around a large pencil so it resembles a coil. Slip off pencil. Repeat with 2 other chenille stems. Glue each around egg. (One can be used for holding small scissors and a thimble may be placed over another.)

9. Cut last chenille into 3 equal lengths. Glue each piece into foam ball in between coils. Double end over 1/4" and use these to hold spools of thread.

10. Divide ribbon, lengthwise down center making it 1/8" wide and tie 2 bows. Secure one to each side of the ball with a forget-me-not and pearl pin.

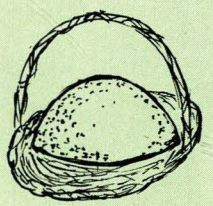


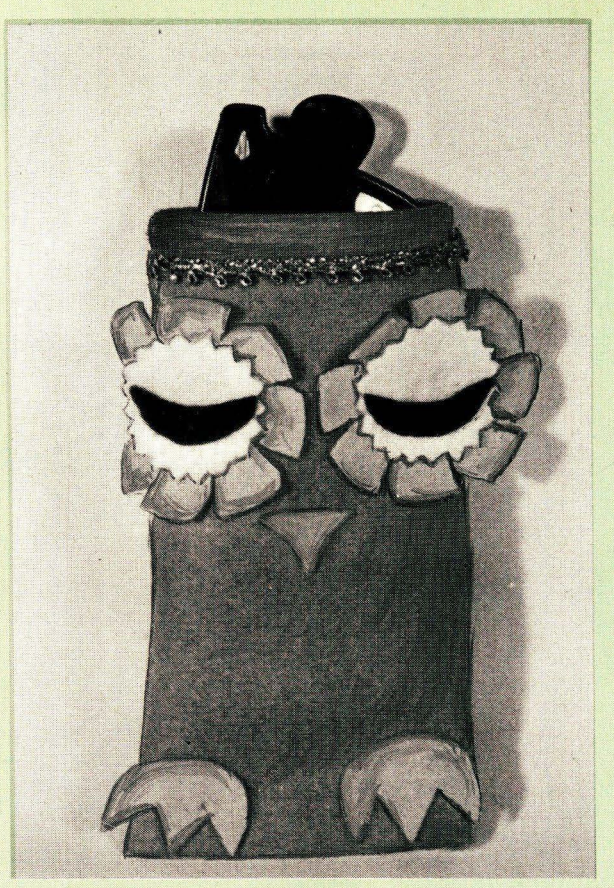
Fig. A.

FELT IDEA . . .

Stunning wall hanging at right is made on 18" x 38" natural-colored burlap and features large felt tulips with "cord" stems and felt leaves.

One tulip is made of 2 shades of pink while other is of purple and lavender. Moss green yarn fringe adds the finishing touch across the bottom.

Owl Glass Case



A perky case for glasses is always fun to make and use. Colors should be in a combination of bright, gay felt. (Use colors called-out or choose your own.)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

6-1/4" x 5-1/2" orange felt for case
2" x 6" gold felt for features
1-1/2" x 3" white felt for eyes
1-1/4" x 1-1/2" moss felt for eye lids
12" gold braid for trim
White glue

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make case: Use 6-1/4" x 5-1/2" felt and glue 6-1/4" length together with 1/4" overlap along back. (Check to be sure extra large glasses will fit into tube.) Allow to dry.
2. Turn bottom edge of tube inside 1/4" and glue along bottom to hold. Turn top edge outside 1/4" down and glue to hold.
3. Glue narrow gold braid over turned down edge and along seam at back.
4. See patterns below. Cut and glue 2 sets of eyes together as in Fig. A. Allow to dry and glue onto case.
5. Cut beak and feet of gold felt and glue into place on case.

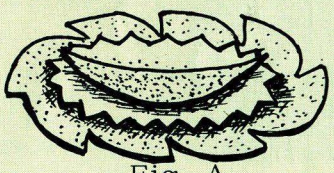
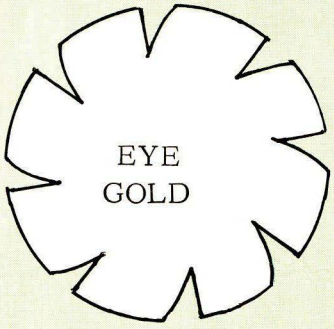
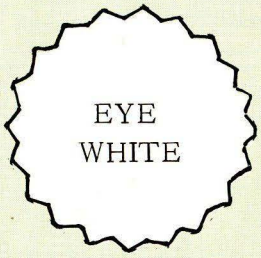
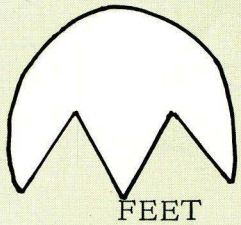
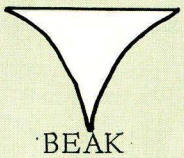


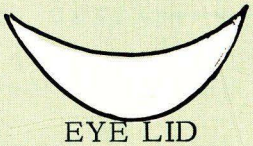
Fig. A











Fancy Baskets

Stunning waste baskets are easy to fashion in decorator colors.

To make: Glue burlap covering around any metal basket and allow to dry. Cut felt decor of your choice and glue into place. Add strip of pinked felt around top and bottom for finishing touch.

GRAPE CLUSTER features purple and light lavender felt grapes with moss green and chartreuse felt leaves on a dark green background. A pink peach was added for contrast. Grape tendrils were made by coiling green covered wire around a pencil.

FLORAL basket features bright flowers fashioned of burlap threads and green shades of puff ball grapes topped off with felt leaves.

Patterns for Wall Hanging on page 9

EYE - - BLUE FELT

CHICKEN - - YELLOW FELT

LARGE WING - - BLUE FELT

SMALL WING - - PINK FELT

EXTEND TO MATCH OTHER SIDE

POT - - BLUE OR COLOR OF YOUR CHOICE

TULIP - - BLUE FELT

"How Tall Am I" Wall Hanging

PLACE ON FOLD

MATERIALS NEEDED:

White felt or burlap - background - 12"x 54"
Two wooden dowel sticks - 1/4"x 12"
Cotton cording - hanger - 15"
One tape measure
Green felt - leaves and stems
Blue felt - tulips - chicken wing
Pink felt - daisies - chicken wing
Felt for flower pot - any color desired
Yellow felt - chicken and daisy center
Needle and thread to match felt
Braid or rick rack for trim - 9"

DIRECTIONS:

1. Stitch a 1" hem at the top and bottom edge of background piece. Slip wooden dowels inside hems to hold hanging rigid.

2. Tie knots in both ends of cotton cord and sew knots to top corners of hanging.

3. Pin tape measure to the center of the hanging with the one inch mark at the very bottom. Sew bottom of tape measure to felt.

4. For flower pot, see pattern on opposite page and cut out of desired color felt. Sew into place at the bottom of the tape measure. Sew braid or rick rack trim at the top edge of the pot.

5. See pattern on opposite page for main body of chicken and cut out of yellow felt. Sew in place under the top end of tape measure. Sew top of tape measure down. Cut circle of blue felt for eye and sew in place.

6. Follow wing patterns on opposite page and cut the smallest wing out of pink felt and the largest wing out of blue felt. See photo for placement. Sew top edge of wings in place to top edge of chicken. Leave bottoms free so that they may be lifted to see numbers on tape measure.

7. See overlay pattern on this page and cut 4 double stems out of green felt. Place bottom end of stem on fold. Slide stems under tape measure and sew into place. The first double stem is approximately 7-1/2" above the top of the flower pot, and the remaining stems are placed 7-1/2" apart. Sew tape measure to stems where they meet so tape will lay flat.

8. Follow overlay patterns for leaves on this page and cut 16 out of green felt. See photo and sew leaves in place, 4 leaves to each double stem.

9. See patterns on this and opposite page for flowers. Cut 4 blue tulips and 4 pink daisies. Sew in place at tips of stems. Cut yellow daisy centers and sew into place on daisies. See photo.

Felt Notebook Cover

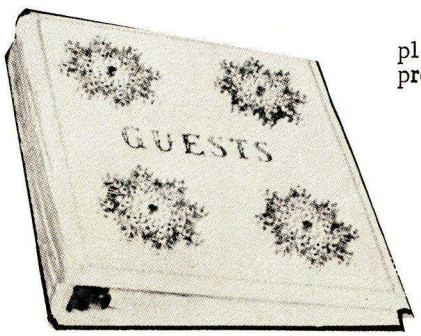
MATERIALS NEEDED:

Felt or burlap, any color desired
White glue
Trim: Decoupage, gold braid, pearls, jewels or felt scraps

DIRECTIONS:

1. Open notebook flat and cut felt or burlap so that it is one inch larger all the way around than the notebook.

2. Close notebook and cover front with white glue. Press felt or burlap in place over the glue. Repeat, covering bound side and back with white glue and pressing fabric in place.



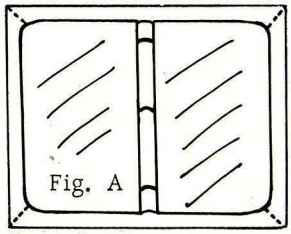


Fig. A

3. Turn and glue edges of front cover to the inside of the notebook. Cut out the corners so it will fit flat. Fig. A. Cut a piece of felt or burlap to fit inside notebook cover. Glue this on the inside of the cover so that all raw edges brought over from the front are covered.

4. When dry, glue decoupage, gold braid, jewels, etc, on for a glamorous look as on notebook in photo. If desired, colorful felt flowers, leaves, etc. taken from patterns in this book could be used or school emblems and names.

Tomato Head Wig Holder

This Tomato Head with personality-plus is designed to hold your wig or wiglet.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

5" or 6" white foam ball
2" x 9" and 4" x 4" green felt
1-1/2" x 1-1/2" pink or black felt - for mouth
2 gold rings - approximately 1" diameter
All-purpose spray paint - red
Ribbon Straw - red
Tacky white glue
Stemmed holder*
1 pair false eye lashes
4 black-headed pins
2 pearl-headed pins

DIRECTIONS:

1. Spray foam ball red.
2. Flat-wrap ball with red Ribbon Straw. To flat-wrap, wet Ribbon Straw and flatten by pulling through fingers or across the edge of a table. Secure end of Ribbon Straw with white glue or pin and wrap foam ball until it is completely covered. Tuck end piece under and secure with white glue or a pin.

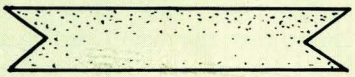


Fig. A

3. See leaf pattern and cut 4. Cut 1 stem from 4" x 4" of green felt. Make leaf stem by rolling and gluing stem piece around pin. Dip pin in glue and insert in top of head. Glue four leaves into place around stem.

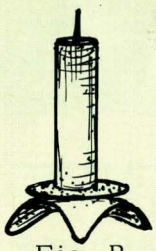


Fig. B

4. Glue false eye lashes into place and hold with pins. See pattern and cut felt mouth and glue into place.
5. Add gold "earrings" held on by pearl pins. Cut ends off 2" x 9" green felt as in Fig. A. and pin to bottom of head for bow. (See photo.)
6. Add head to stemmed holder. *Stemmed holder may be made of a post and candle holder (Fig. B.) or use stem and base of old stemware glass or dowel stick in a white foam disc. (This last one should be sprayed black or green.)

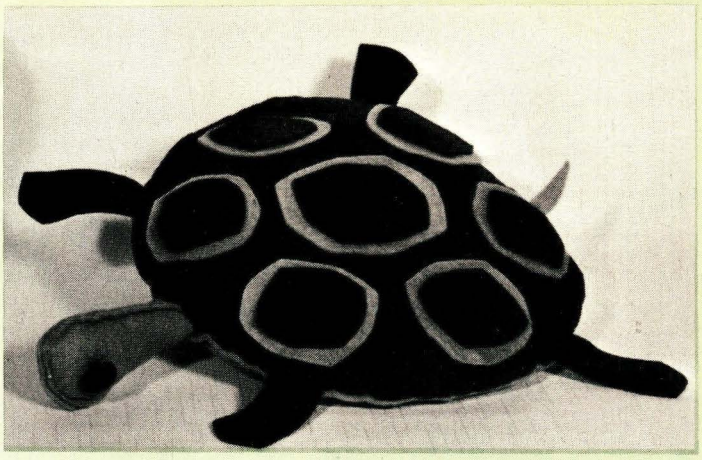
Ideas for · · ·

Clever Curler Containers

Any young girl loves a clever hide-away for curlers. Photo at left shows a peck basket edged with felt and trimmed with a felt face surrounded by 3 yarn-wrapped curlers.

Photo at right is a 6" diameter can covered with burlap and trimmed with felt features and black fringe hair. A removable percale curler bonnet tops it off.

Terry-The-Tortoise Bean Bag



Children will love Terry-The-Tortoise. This bean bag is large enough to challenge the 4 to 8 year olds and clever enough to appeal to all ages and may be made in any color combinations.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

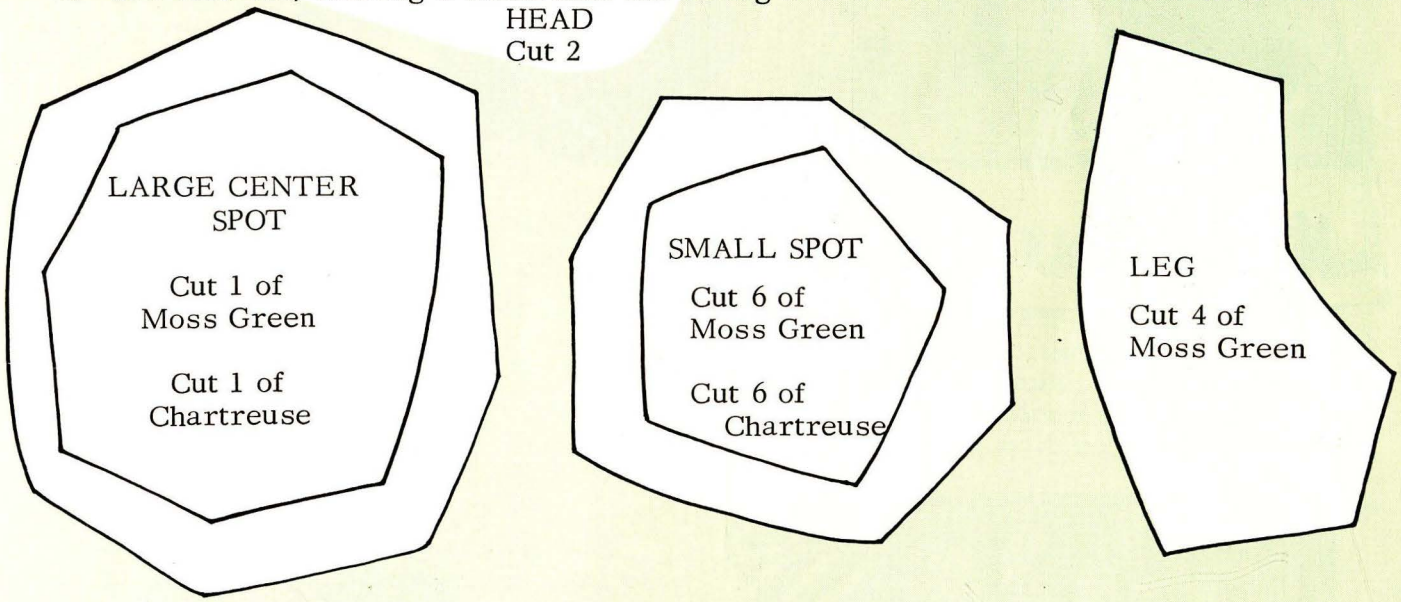
Chartreuse felt
- 2-1/2" x 18" for spots
- 3-1/2" x 4" for head
- 8" dia. circle for body

Moss Green felt
- 2" x 12" for spots
- 2-1/2" x 6" for legs
- 8" dia. circle for body

2 Shiny black buttons - 1/2" dia. for eyes
Beans to use as filler

DIRECTIONS:

1. Make master cardboard patterns and cut felt pieces as needed.
2. Stitch head pieces together and stuff with scrap felt. Add two button eyes.
3. Place two 8" diameter circles for body together and pin feet, tail and head into place. Glue spots into place. See photo.
4. Sew tortoise, leaving a small hole for filling with beans. Fill and stitch hole closed.



Fly Swatter

Gay, felt-covered fly swatters add a touch of color as well as being functional. Any bright felt cut-outs may be glued or sewn onto a swatter. Handles may be left plain or wrapped with yarn.

Use two swatters at left for ideas and create your own floral patterns.

FLORAL design: See overlay pattern and cut 7 felt flowers and centers of different colors. 4 green leaves. Glue into place on a fly swatter.

BUTTERFLY: Cut a large butterfly of your choice - - add felt trims and gold cord antenna. Glue butterfly and 3 flowers onto swatter.

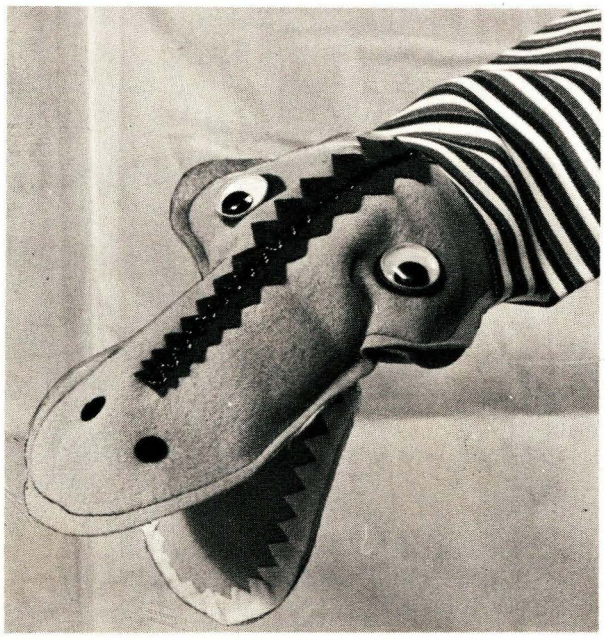
Attach face along these dotted lines.

FOLD

Hand Puppets

Puppets are fun to make and will delight the heart of any youngster.

An addition to a collection of story book puppet characters would make an exciting gift for any occasion throughout the year.



"Gater" above was made by cutting the foot off a stocking and attaching a felt face. Moving eyes are fun to use on puppets.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

See overlay pattern for basic body of puppet; noting fold. Cut a full-size paper pattern. (Arms may be modified for wings as in photo.)

Cut 2 pieces of felt for body and stitch together, leaving bottom open for hand.

Puppet hands or paws are cut of a different color felt and glued into place.

See photo for heads and make of a double thickness of felt so they can be stuffed with cotton for 3-D effect. Cut and glue desired face features into place. Sew head to top of body as indicated by stitch line on pattern -- allowing bottom of face to be free to move when puppet is used.

Egg Cozy

Egg Cozy at right is actual size. This quaint functional project is fun to make for gifts, bazaars or your own use.

END A

MATERIALS NEEDED:

8" x 8" felt - head
4" x 4" felt - top comb
Sequins, jewels, braid
Needle and thread

END B

DIRECTIONS:

1. Use overlay patterns and cut 2 felt pieces of each pattern.
2. See illustration at right and decorate both sides of egg cozy with jewels, sequins, braid, etc. as desired.
3. Stitch the two pieces of top comb together. (A blanket stitch of contrasting color adds interest.) Insert end A of comb into end B of the egg cozy head.
4. Stitch head pieces together; leaving bottom of cozy open so it will fit over a soft or hard boiled egg.

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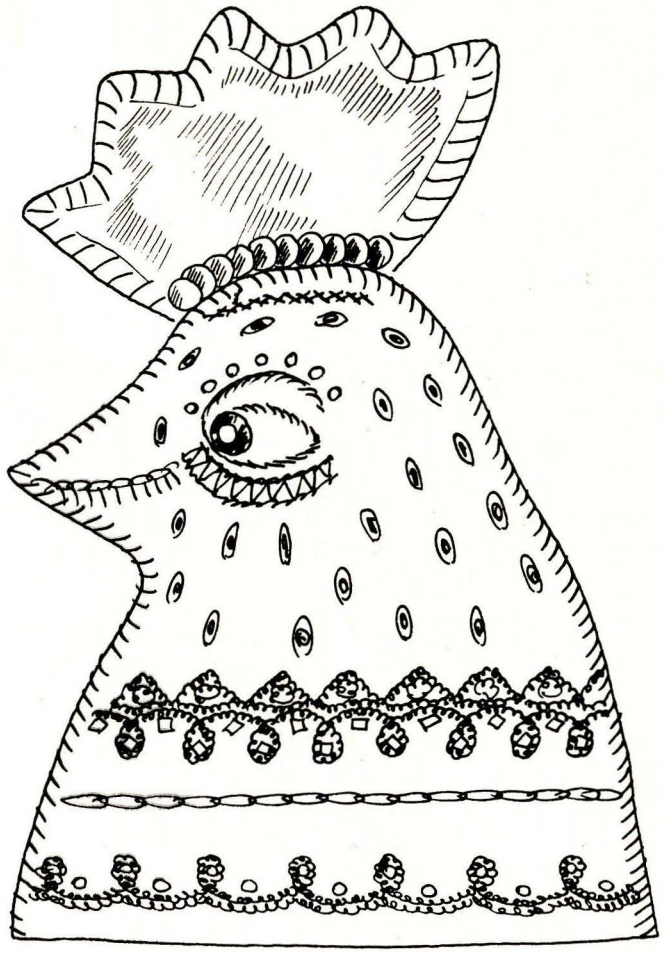

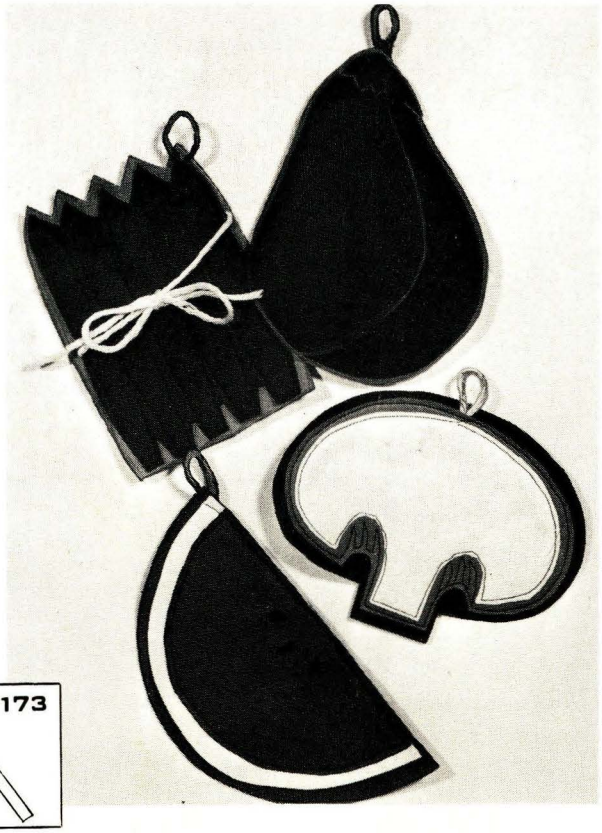

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Garden Variety Pot Holders

These gay felt pot holders will gladden the heart of any cook.

See photo for ideas and cut designs of your own. Three thicknesses of felt are usually used and the overall size should be approximately 6" x 8". Make yarn loops for hangers.

WATERMELON is made of 3 different size half circles: green, white, red. The red layer has 3 "seed holes" cut in it with a piece of black felt underneath.

EGGPLANT is made of cerise, plum and purple colors with moss green leaf at top.

MUSHROOM is made of dark brown, tan and white felt with details of brown stitching.

ASPARAGUS bunch is cut of moss green felt stitched to mustard background and "tied" with yellow yarn.

Sunshine Buttercups

These bright, gay 6" felt Buttercups will add a burst of sunshine to any spot.

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR EACH 6" FELT FLOWER

6" x 12" Orange felt for large petals
7" x 8" Gold felt for small petals
5" x 5" Green felt for leaves
Foam ball, cut in half* - 1/4" dia.
4 Chenille stems - orange
1 Chenille stem - green
Floral tape - green
Stem wire - 18 ga.
30 ga. wire
White tacky glue

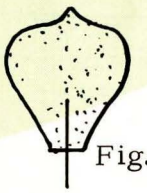
LARGE PETAL

*Use serrated knife to cut foam ball.

LEAF PATTERN

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut 5 large petals of bright orange felt, 5 small petals of gold felt, and 2 leaves of green felt for each flower.
2. Cut orange chenille stems into 4" lengths and green chenille stems into 6" lengths.
3. Glue an orange length to underside of each large petal so 1" stem extends at bottom. See Fig. A.
4. Repeat for small petals but allow 1-1/2" stem to extend at bottom. Use green stem and repeat for leaves. Allow glue to dry.
5. Use 30 ga. wire and fasten 5 small petals together. See Fig. B.



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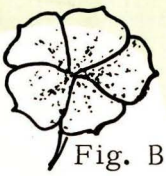
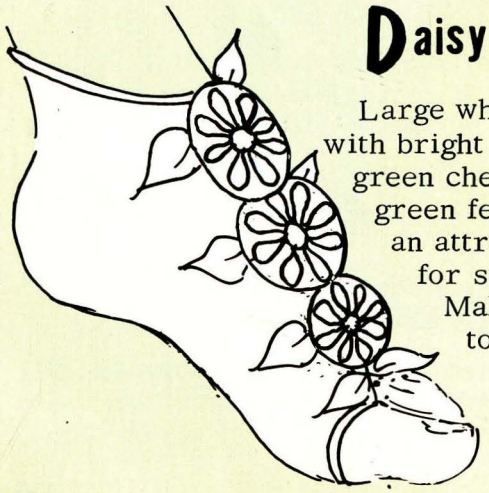


Fig. B

SMALL PETAL

6. Wire large petals behind small ones then tape a stem wire to flower.
7. Use serrated knife and cut foam ball in half. Spray orange or brown. When dry, glue to center of flower and shape and arrange petals.
8. Add felt leaves as you tape down stem. (To tape, pull stretch out of tape and twirl stem as you wrap tape in long spirals down it.)
9. 3 Sunshine Buttercups are lovely arranged in felt covered pot. See photo above.



Daisy Trims

Large white felt daisies with bright yellow centers, green chenille stems and green felt leaves make an attractive decor for straw sun hat. Make matching toe-ticklers on elastic bands. See sketch at left.

Carryall Handbags

A beautiful casual bag, ideal for summer wear. The bag pictured is a lime green burlap with blue cotton lining and blue ball fringe. The flowers are blue, pink and orange with lime green centers.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Two pieces burlap - 14"x 21"
Two pieces cotton material - 14"x 21"
One yard ball fringe
Leaf green felt - stems & leaves
Felt circles - two-2", two-2-3/4", one-3", one-3-1/2" & six-1-1/4" - for flowers and centers

DIRECTIONS:

1. Make a pattern from a rectangle of paper 14" in width, by 21" in length. Fold paper in half. Measure and mark 14" up from the bottom on the open side, and 1-1/2" in from the folded edge at the top. Cut corner out from each marking as in Fig. A. When opened it will measure as in Fig. B.

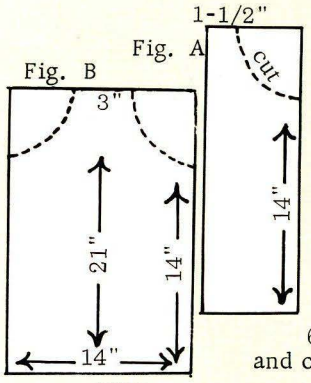


Fig. A
Fig. B

2. Pin paper pattern on the burlap and cut two pieces exactly alike.

3. Put right sides of burlap together and stitch the sides, bottom and top of strap, leaving a 1/2" seam. Press all seams flat.

4. Following the same proceedure, cut out, sew and press lining the same as the bag. Set aside until bag is decorated.

5. Stitch fringe around bottom edge of the bag.

6. Cut strips of green felt 3/8" in width. Cut one 11" in length, one 8-1/4", one 7", one 4" and one 2" in length for the branches. Sew to front of bag as in photo.

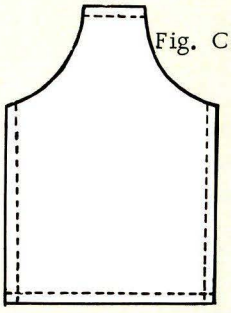
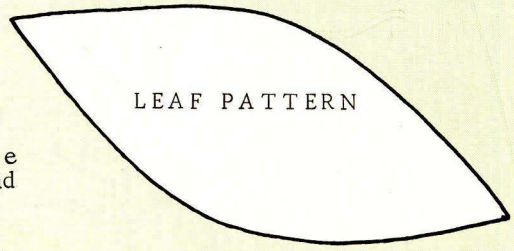


Fig. C

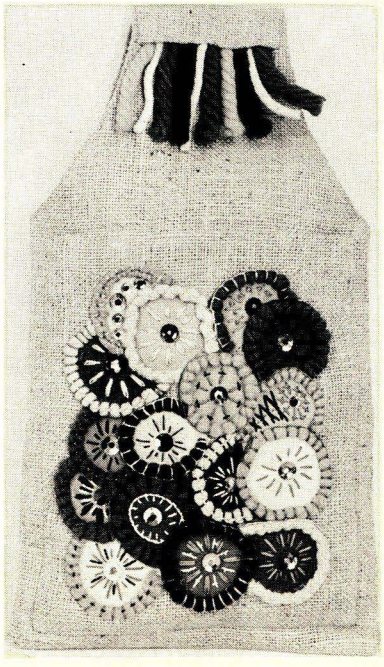
7. Following leaf pattern below, cut seven out of green felt. See photo for placement and sew leaves to bag.

8. Determine color placement of felt flower circles, and pin flowers in place at tops of stems. Place centers on flowers and sew only through the middles of the center piece and the flower, leaving the outside edge of the flower free.

9. When all decorations on the outside of the bag are sewn in place, fit the lining in. Turn under and pin the raw edges of both bag and lining at the openings and blind stitch the lining to the bag. Press with warm iron.



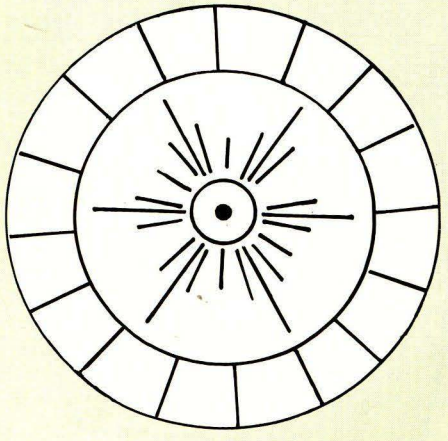
"Pouch" Carryall



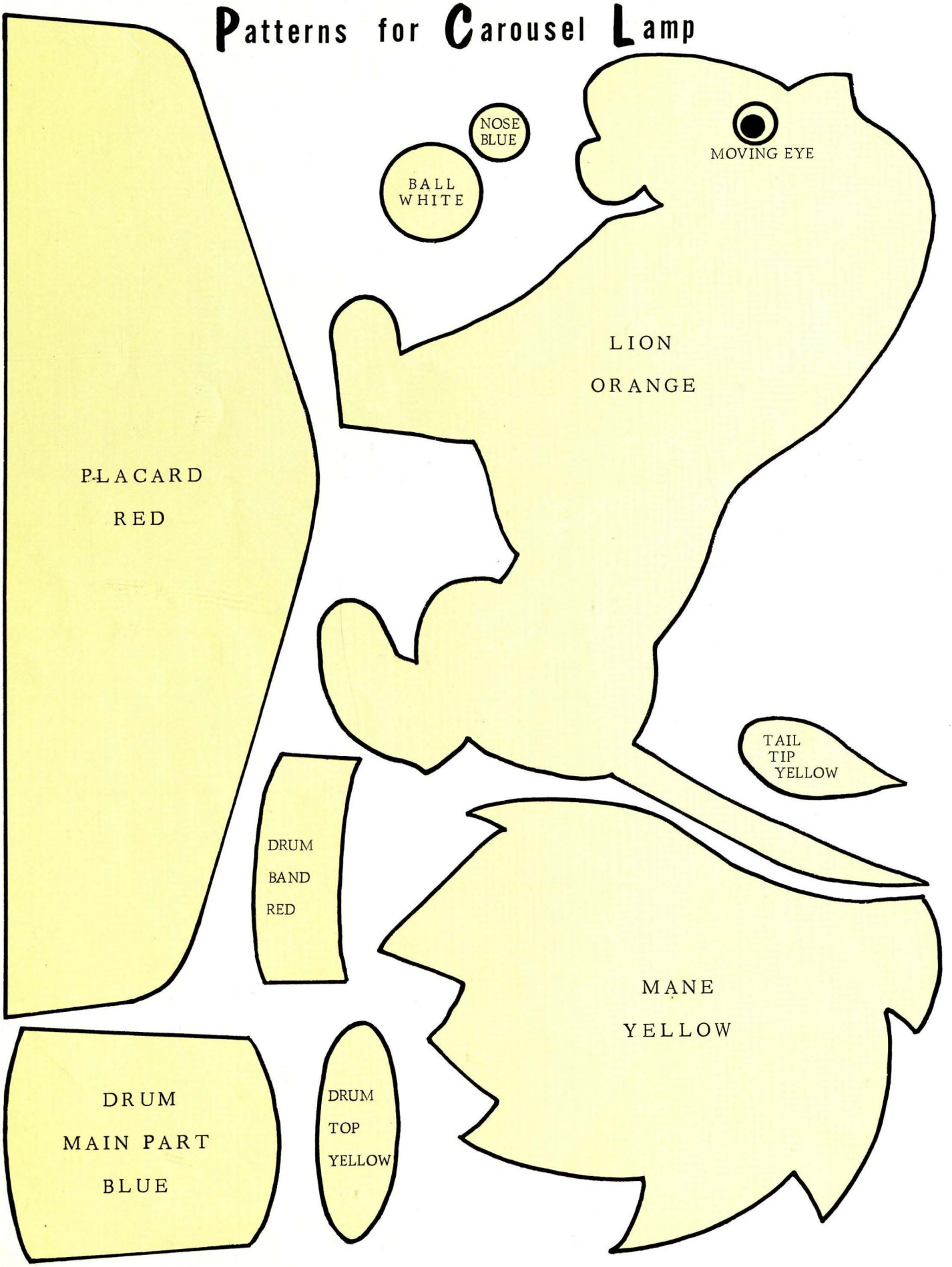
The casual "pouch" bag, shown at the left, is made of natural colored burlap and lined with vibrant gold colored cotton.

It is made basically like the one above, except the dimensions are 10" in width, 20" in length and the strap at the top is 4" wide. A 9" x 10-1/2" "pouch" pocket is sewn to the outside of the bag. The pocket is lined to match the bag, decorated and then blind stitched to the bag.

Vivid colored circles of felt varying in size from 2" to 2-1/2" are sewn overlapping each other to the outside of the pocket. A French knot or bead is used to secure large sequins to the center of each flower. The flowers are outlined with heavy contrasting yarn which is secured with a blanket stitch of embroidery thread. The inside of the flower is finished with various kinds of embroidery stitches. See pattern at right. A fringe of different colors of yarn is sewn to the handle to complete the bag.



Patterns for Carousel Lamp



Carousel Felt Lamp

What child wouldn't be thrilled with this delightful lamp --- and what fun to make it from a plastic bottle!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Red and white felt for lamp shade
Orange, yellow, white, black and blue felt for lion and drum
1 gal. square or round plastic bottle
White ball fringe
Cord and lamp fixture
White paper lamp shade
White rick rack
Red cording
Moving eye - 3/8"
White glue

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make the cover for the lamp shade, cut red and white felt into wedge-shaped pieces 3" wide at the bottom tapering to 1-1/4" wide at the top and as long as needed to fit shade. (Shade shown is approximately 4" diameter at top, 14" diameter at bottom and 8" in depth.) Since the size of shades vary, it is wise to use paper patterns and adjust to fit before cutting the felt. Allow a 1/8" seam and stitch pieces together.

2. Use white glue to secure felt cover to outside of shade. Glue white ball fringe to top and bottom edge of shade as shown in photo.

3. For the bottom band on the bottle, cut a strip of red felt approximately 20" long and 1-1/4" wide. (Size will vary slightly with different bottles.) Glue around the bottom of the bottle with the ends abutting at the back.

4. For the top band, cut two pieces of red felt approximately 10-1/2" long and tapering from 3" wide at one end to 1-1/2" wide at the other end. Glue around the bottle near the top. See photo below. If necessary, make tiny slits in the edge of the felt to make it fit closer.

5. Glue white rick rack around all edges of red felt bands.

6. See patterns on opposite page and cut pieces of felt for the drum. Cut main part of drum from blue felt with a yellow top and band of red. Glue the drum pieces together. When dry, glue a piece of white rick rack to the center of the red band on the drum. Determine position and glue drum to the front of the lamp.

Side view of lamp showing placement of red felt band around back of plastic bottle.

7. See pattern and cut the lion out of orange felt with a golden yellow mane and tail. Glue the pieces together and then glue lion to the front of the bottle. Cut and glue nose and ball in place on lion. Glue moving eye in place. See photo.

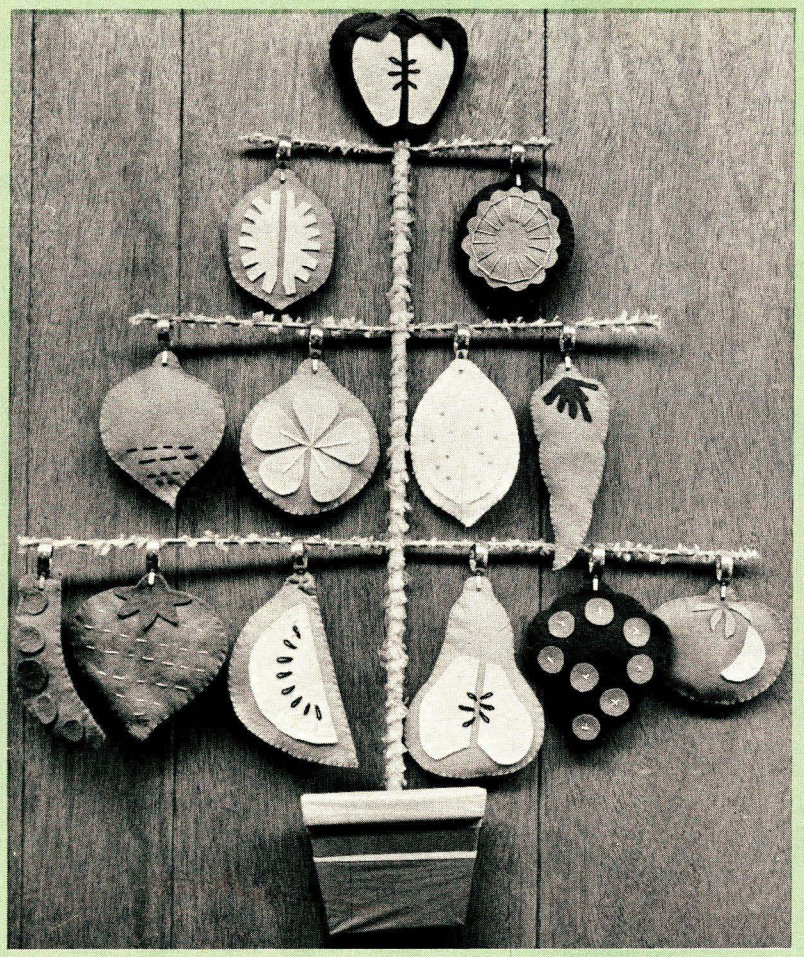
8. Cut red cording to determined length and make bars all around the lamp every two inches. Glue to felt and bottle to hold.

9. To make placard for the carousel, cut a piece of cardboard following the pattern on opposite page. Glue red felt on both the front and back. Glue white rick rack to bottom edge and white ball fringe to top edge. Glue in place on front of lamp.

10. To wire lamp, cut a small hole at the back near bottom of the lamp. Bring the cord through this hole and up through the lamp. Leave the metal lid on the top of the bottle. Drill a hole in the lid and bring the cord through the hole. Attach to fixture. Use glue to make it more solid if necessary. Put bulb into socket and place shade on top of lamp.

If desired, other "wild" animals may be put on the lamp, just follow patterns from children's coloring books, story books, etc.

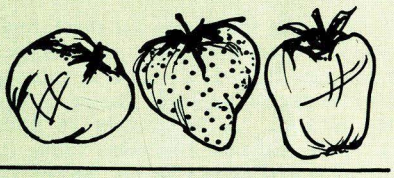
For a personal touch, cut letters of child's name from felt and glue in place on the placard.



Tree of Plenty

The tree pictured makes an interesting and colorful wall decoration for any season of the year. It is made using a wooden dowel for a trunk and heavy wire branches wrapped with fringed tissue paper. The flower pot is made of plywood and may be covered with felt or tissue paper. The felt fruit and vegetables are filled with cotton for fullness, decorated with cutouts, and hung from the tree branches with curtain clips.

For Christmas it might have Christmas ornaments, for Easter decorated eggs and chickens, or it would make a real conversation piece to use it as a family tree with pictures of grandparents, parents and children in felt frames hanging from the different branches.



Lookin' Pretty Mirror

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Hand mirror	Red felt for mouth
Pink felt for face	Coarse yarn for hair
Black felt for eyes	White glue

Narrow ribbon - - 1 yard

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make a pattern for the face, draw around the mirror back onto a piece of paper. Make it slightly smaller than the mirror back. Use this pattern and cut the face out of pink felt.

2. See patterns and cut two eyes out of black felt and one mouth out of red felt. Determine position and glue into place on pink felt face. See photograph.

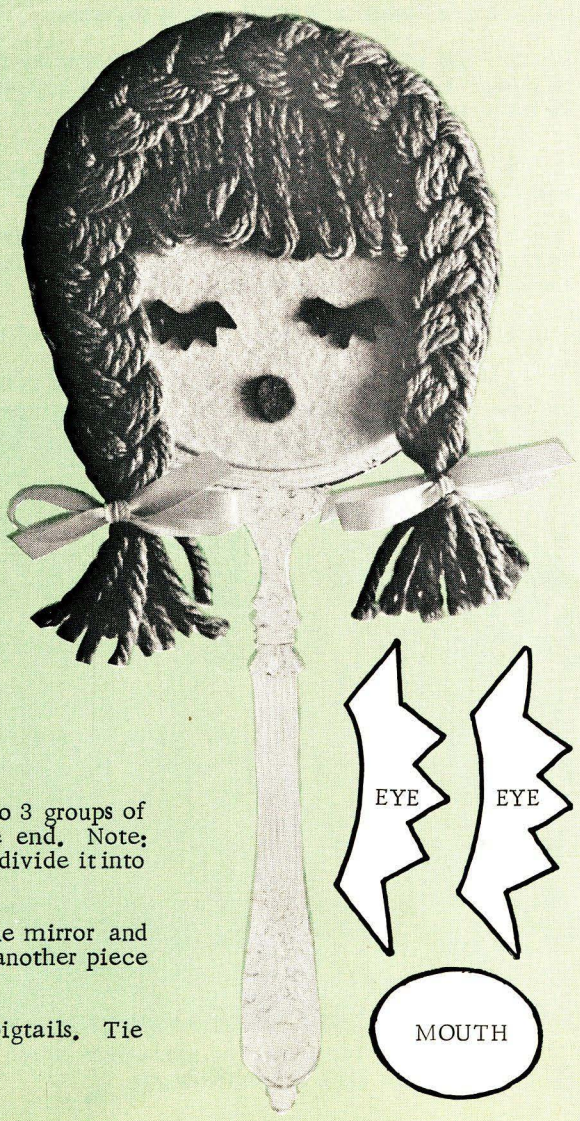
3. Glue loops of yarn to the forehead for bangs, as shown in the photograph.

4. Cut 9 pieces of yarn approximately 30" in length. Divide into 3 groups of 3 strands each. Tie each group together, approximately 2" from one end. Note: if yarn is not coarse enough to make a nice braid, add more yarn and divide it into 3 equal parts.

5. Braid yarn until the braid is long enough to reach around the mirror and have short pigtails as in photo. When it is the right length, tie with another piece of yarn and trim ends so that both ends are even.

6. Sew braided yarn to felt face letting ends hang down for pigtails. Tie small ribbon bows on each pigtail.

7. Glue face to the mirror back.



Candy Tree

An unusual serving piece, ideal to fill with candy, cookies, nuts and other "treats". It is easy to make and stands a full 20" in height.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Wooden block - 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 1-1/2" for base
Wooden dowel - 3/4" x 18" - tree trunk
Felt - any color desired
Deco-Foil - any color desired
Thumb tacks - to match felt
Gold medallions and braid
White glue
Paint to match felt

The "Candy Tree" is made of five rows of branches, each row of branches graduating in size from the largest at the bottom to the smallest at the top.

The branches are made of oval-shaped pieces of felt and Deco-Foil.

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make the pattern for the first row of branches, cut a 7" x 12" rectangle out of paper. Fold in half lengthwise and round off the corners. Fig. A. This makes an oval as in Fig. B.

2. Continue making patterns for each row of branches. The second row is 4-1/2" x 10-1/4",
third row is 4-1/4" x 8-3/4"
fourth row is 3-3/4" x 7-1/4",
fifth row is 2-3/8" x 4-1/4".

3. After the patterns are made, cut three of each size out of felt, and three of each size out of foil.

4. To make the tree stand, drill a hole in center of the wooden block, the diameter of the wooden dowel. Put a bit of white glue on one end of the dowel and force into the hole in the block.

5. Paint the dowel to match the felt.

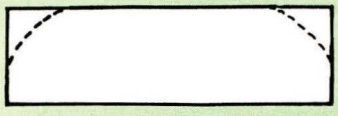


Fig. A

Fig. B

Fig. C

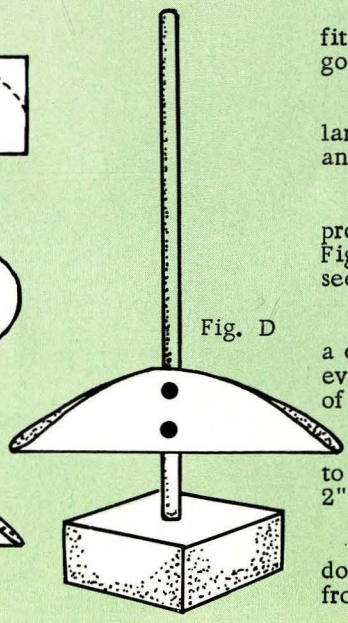


Fig. D

6. Cover wooden base with felt. Mitre corners to make it fit snug. Use white glue and secure felt to base. Decorate with gold braid around top and bottom edge. See photo.

7. Place one of the largest foil pieces on top of one of the largest felt pieces. Fold so that the foil is inside the felt making an oval tray. Fig. C.

8. Place this oval tray against the wooden tree trunk approximately 8" from the base. Fasten with two thumb tacks. Fig. D. Bend both ends of the tray towards you so that you do not see the thumb tacks.

9. Add two more large branches at the same level making a complete circle around the tree trunk. Be sure to space them evenly. These trays will fit against one another so that the ends of each tray will stay bent outward.

10. Continue adding rows of branches, working from largest to smallest, until all five rows are complete and you are within 2" or 3" from the top of the tree. See photo.

11. For the tree top, force a nail or heavy pin into top of dowel. Glue gold medallions in place covering nail, one to the front and one to the back.

Book Bag

This sunny-faced little clown will brighten up any school day. Ideal for your favorite "little miss" or make several to give as gifts.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Red felt - 12"x 25" - bag
Red felt - 6"x 12" - handles and bands
White felt - 7"x 1-1/2"- ruler holder
Yellow felt - 7"x 1-1/2"- pencil holder
White, red, black orange and blue felt for head of clown
One red cotton puff ball for nose
Ruler and pencil

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut edges of the 12" x 25" piece of red felt with pinking shears. Fold in half and mark to distinguish the front from the back.

2. For the ruler holder, cut a strip of white felt 11-1/4" x 1-1/2". Pin in place to the left on the front of the bag as in photo. Stitch across sides and the bottom. Make marks with a pen to resemble ruler markings, or glue a piece of striped material along one edge.

3. For the pencil holder, fold the 7" x 1-1/2" piece of yellow felt in half and cut one end to a point. Pin in place on the bag as in photo. Stitch to the bag along open edge and around the point. Fig. A. If desired, glue a pointed piece of black felt to the tip to resemble pencil lead, and glue a strip of brown above the tip to look like wood.

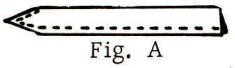


Fig. A

4. Follow overlay pattern for head and ears and cut out of white felt. Glue or stitch to front of bag at lower right hand corner. Glue or sew the red puff ball to the center of the head for a nose.

5. See pattern below and cut a mouth out of red felt. Glue in place below nose.

6. For the eyes, see pattern below and cut 2 out of black felt and 2 out of blue felt. Glue blue on top of black --- crisscross, and glue into place on head.

7. Cut hat out of black felt, following pattern and glue to top of head, off center.

8. Follow pattern for hair and cut 2 out of orange felt. Glue into place above ears on each side of head.

9. Using pinking shears, cut 6 strips of red felt 1" x 12". Make 2 double thickness handles, by stitching 2 strips together at a time. Stitch handles to the top of the bag at front and back. Fig. B.

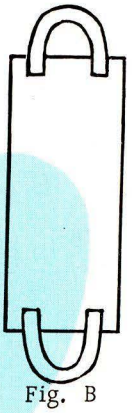


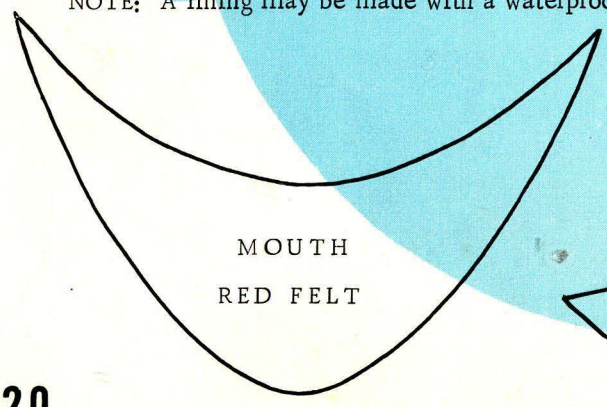
Fig. B

10. Pin remaining 2 strips in place at top of bag for trim and reinforcement. Stitch across the top edge.

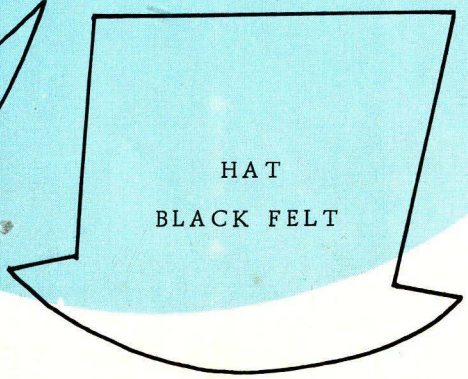
11. Fold bag in half bringing top edges together. Pin to hold, and stitch sides, leaving a 3/4" seam.

12. Place ruler and pencil in holders.

NOTE: A lining may be made with a waterproof material and sewn to inside of bag if desired.



MOUTH
RED FELT



HAT
BLACK FELT

HAIR - CUT 2
ORANGE FELT

EYE - CUT 4
2 blue felt
2 black felt

Pad and Pencil Holder

"Old Country Kitchen" flavor is provided in this bright, colorful pencil, pad or address book holder. Ideal to use by the telephone or to leave for messages.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Burlap, approximately 12"x 24" - any color
Muslin or percale 12"x 24" - for lining
Fringe - 12"
Rick rack - 1-1/3 yard - any color
Dowel stick - 1/4"x 12"
Cotton cord - 16"
Kelly green felt for flower pots
Turquoise, yellow and white felt for flowers or any color of your choice
Olive green and light green felt for leaves and stem

DIRECTIONS:

1. Determine middle of burlap, allowing 1/2" seam on each side and 1" seam on top and bottom.

2. Cut stem for flower out of olive green felt -- approximately 1/4" x 7". Sew by hand into place in middle of the burlap. Top of stem is approximately 6-1/2" from top edge, and bottom of stem is approximately 11" from bottom edge.

3. Follow overlay patterns and cut two leaves out of olive green felt and one leaf out of light green felt. See photo and sew by hand into place.

4. Follow overlay patterns and cut flower pieces. Stack pieces and sew together by hand. (Smallest part of flower is turquoise, then yellow, white, turquoise and largest part of flower and dots surrounding flower are in white.) Sew flower into place on burlap. Flower tip will overlap stem.

5. To make the flower pot "pockets", cut three flower pots out of kelly green felt following dimensions given in Fig. A at the left.

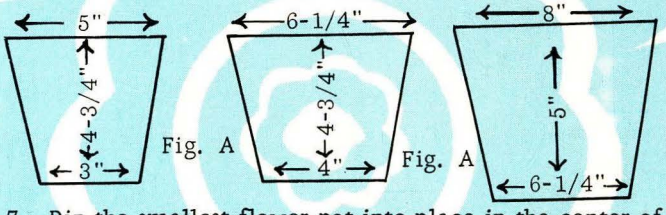


Fig. A Fig. A

6. To make the rim for the pots, cut three strips of green felt, 5", 6-1/4" and 8" in length, and 1-3/4" in width. Pin rim pieces to the top of the pot pieces and trim edges to fit. Stitch rim and pot pieces together across the top edge approximately 1/4" in from the edge. Fig. B.

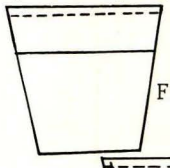


Fig. B

7. Pin the smallest flower pot into place in the center of the hanging with the bottom of the pot approximately 8" from bottom edge of hanging. Stitch across the bottom edge and up both sides.

8. To make a pocket for a pencil, stitch from top to bottom on the smallest pot and approximately 1" in from the right side. Fig. C.

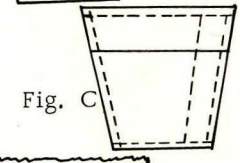


Fig. C

9. Next pin the medium sized pocket into place so it overlaps the first about 1-1/2". Stitch around the sides and across the bottom. Pin third pocket on and stitch into place.

10. Fit right sides of burlap and lining together and stitch, leaving top open. Fig. D. Turn right side out so that all raw edges are on the inside. Press flat with a warm iron. Turn raw edges of top approximately 1/2". Press with a warm iron and stitch closed.

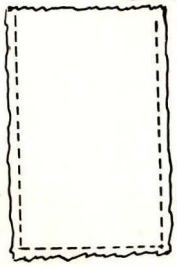


Fig. D

11. Stitch rick rack to both sides along the edge. Stitch fringe to bottom edge.

12. Fold over and stitch a hem at the top, making hem just wide enough to slip the wooden dowel through easily. This will allow the top to remain straight and firm when it is hung. Tie knots in both ends of the cord and sew knots to top corners of wall hanging.

Mr. "Jo-Vi-al" Clown

This "jovial" little clown has floppy arms and legs but will sit upright wherever you place him. His suit may be made entirely of felt, or it may be made with other material with felt polka dots.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1 yard material or felt - 36" wide
Knit material for head and hands
White felt for polka dots
Red & black felt for mouth, nose & eyebrows
2 black or brown buttons - 1/2"-eyes
Yarn - 2 colors - buttons & tassels
Yellow yarn - hair
Cotton for stuffing
Net - same color as yarn - 5"x 36" - ruffle
Wooden block - 3-1/2"x 1-1/2"x 6"
4 wooden clothespins

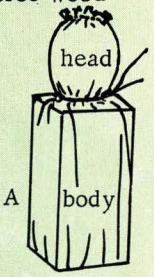
DIRECTIONS:

1. For the head and body, make a tube of the knit material 3-1/2" in width by 10" long. (The foot of a lightweight sock could be used.)

2. Using a needle and thread, gather together one end of the knit tube. This gathered part makes the top of the head.

3. Stuff 4" of the closed end with cotton, packing tightly. When head is firm, force wooden block up next to the cotton.

4. Gather knit material together at bottom of block and sew to hold. This makes the head and body of the clown. Tie a string around the body just above the block to make a neck. Fig. A.



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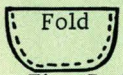

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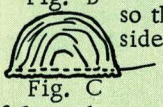
Fig. C

5. To make the ears, cut two 2" x 2" squares of knit material. Fold each one in half and round off the open corners. Fig. B. Using basting stitches, sew raw edges together. Fig. B. Pull thread so that the raw edges are gathered together and only 1" in length. Fig. C. This makes one ear. Sew to one side of the head with raw edges facing toward the back of the head. Repeat for the other side of the head.

6. Follow patterns and cut nose and mouth out of red felt. Sew or glue to face. Cut eyebrows from black felt and sew or glue in place on face. Sew button eyes in place below eyebrows.

7. To make a pattern for the clown suit, cut a piece of paper 12" in width by 18" in length. Fold in half lengthwise. Cut to dimensions given in Fig. D.

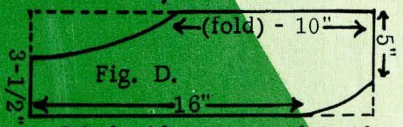

Fig. D.

8. Open pattern and place on double piece of felt or material. Cut out two pieces. Stitch side seams and inside leg seams, allowing 1/4" seam.

9. Fit suit over wooden block body. Gather and sew material at the neck.

10. Slip wooden clothespin inside open bottom of pants leg. Gather material tightly around the neck of the clothespin, allowing the wooden head to stick out slightly for a foot. Fig. E. Tie securely with yarn.

Fig. E

11. See patterns for shoe pieces and cut each piece out of a different color felt. Sew pieces together.

12. Place shoes at bottom of leg and sew gathered bottom of pants leg to top of the shoe. Fig. F. The shoe will "snug" up around the wooden head of the clothespin. Trim with yarn stitches around shoe and a bow of yarn for shoe tie.

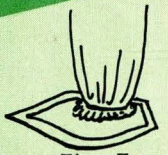
Fig. F

13. For the arms, cut two pieces of material 5" in width and 10" in length. Fold in half lengthwise, right sides together. Stitch along open side and one end allowing a 1/4" seam. Turn right side out and sew the closed end to the shoulders. Repeat for other side.

14. Following patterns, cut hands out of knit material. Place right sides together and stitch, allowing 1/4" seam. Leave wrist end of hand open. Turn right side out and stuff hand with cotton. Slip knob of clothespin inside of open wrist end of hand. Gather knit material tightly around clothespin. Fig. G. Tie securely with thread.

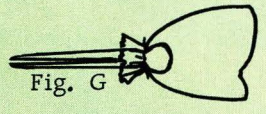
Fig. G

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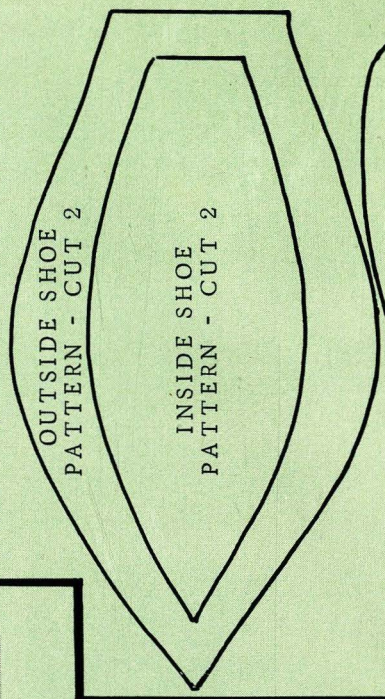
15. Slip the hand with the clothespin attached inside the sleeve. Gather sleeve around the wrist and sew to hold. Tie yarn securely around the wrist making a bow with the ends. Repeat with other hand.

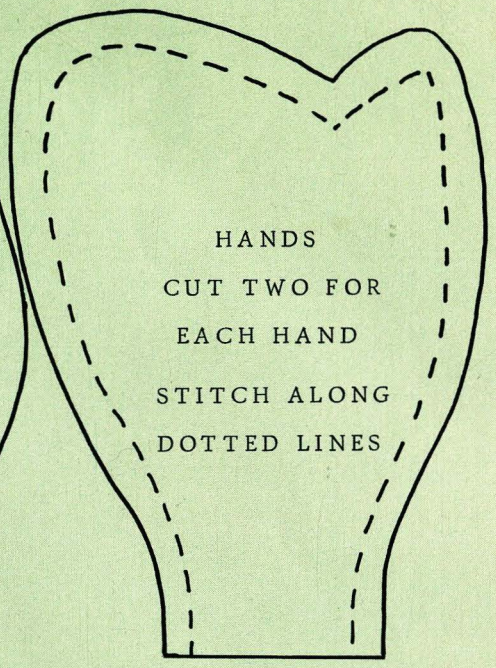
16. Gather length of net into a ruffle by running a thread 1" down from edge. Use yarn to tie ruffle around the neck. Make a bow at the front.

17. Following pointed overlay pattern on opposite page, cut out two pieces of material or felt for the cap. Turn right side out.

18. Fit and pin cap in place on head of clown. sew loops of yarn under edge of cap for hair. Sew cap to head.

Note: If material has been used for the clown's suit, cut out 5/8" white felt polka dots and sew or glue at random over entire suit.





Hibiscus Decorated Handbag

Purse measures 20" in width, 12" in height with 7" handles - - flowers are approximately 6" in diameter.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

3 pieces felt 9"x 12" - flowers, color of your choice
2 pieces felt 9"x 12" - light and dark green for leaves
1 bunch stamens
White covered wire, 30 ga.
Green covered wire 18 ga.
White glue
Green floratape
Optional - poster paint, color of your choice & brush

DIRECTIONS:

1. Trace and cut master patterns for petals and leaves following darker overlay patterns on this page. Cut 10 petals for each flower.

2. Cover one petal with white glue. Place a 4" piece of white wire down the center letting the wire extend below the petal. Cover wire with other petal so you have a double petal with wire between. Make five double petals for each flower. Optional: If desired, petals may be shaded with poster paint. Dip brush into paint, wipe off excess on a paper towel. Start brushing from the bottom of the petal shading the paint up about 3/4 of the length of the petal. When paint has dried, shape petals so they form a cup in the center and flare out at the tips. Fig. A. When glue dries, the petal will keep its shape.

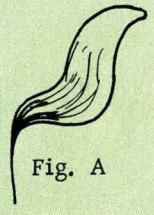


Fig. A

3. To make the flower center, cut a strip of felt one inch wide and five inches long. Make a fringe out of it by cutting slits about 1/8" wide and 3/4" deep. Fig. B.

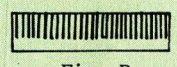


Fig. B

4. Roll this strip up and wrap with a piece of wire at the base. Fig. C. Divide 1/3 bunch of stamens into 3 sections. Place these around the flower center leaving them full length so they will extend beyond the felt center. Secure with wire.

5. Place five petals around the flower center securing with wire. Wrap wires from center and petals together with floratape, adding stem wire if desired.

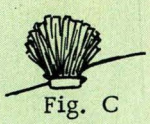


Fig. C

6. To make the leaves, cut one side out of light green felt and one side out of dark green felt. Spread glue along one edge, then place a piece of 18 gauge green wire on top of the glue. Take the other leaf half and place it so it overlaps the first piece covering the wire and glue. Shape leaves slightly when glue is dry.

7. To decorate the handbag, make three flowers and six leaves. Make a cluster of the flowers with the leaves extending beyond them. Fasten cluster of flowers and leaves to one side of the handbag. Line bag with matching or contrasting shade of felt. Sew a binding of felt around the top edge of the bag. Finish with gold braid along the edge of the binding.

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